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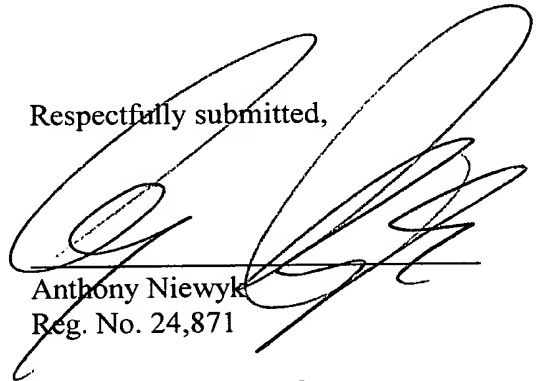
By the present Preliminary Amendment, the specification, claims and abstract have been revised to more clearly describe applicant's invention in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Care has been taken so as to avoid the addition of new matter in the claims and abstract.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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ATTACHMENT A

Changes Made to Specification Paragraphs

The second full paragraph on page 2 continuing on the top of page 3:

It is an object of this invention to provide a composite sheet [similar to those of prior art so far as the sheet] that comprises an elastically stretchable layer and an inelastically stretchable fibrous layer [but improved so that] in which the unevenness of the fiber diameter in the inelastically stretchable fibrous layer [may be] is minimized and a process for making such a sheet.

The third full paragraph on page 3:

In such a composite sheet, [this invention is characterized by that] the continuous fibers are oriented substantially in the one direction so that a tensile strength S_1 of the composite sheet in the first direction and a tensile strength S_2 of the composite sheet in the second direction may define a ratio S_1/S_2 of 3.0 or higher.

The first full paragraph on page 4:

In such a process, [this invention is characterized by that] the continuous fibers lie one upon another substantially without being bonded together to form the inelastically stretchable web and that the web is, in turn, bonded to the elastically stretchable web after the continuous fibers have been oriented substantially in the one direction.

The second full paragraph on page 4:

According to one [preferred] embodiment of the [process according to this] invention, the process [comprising] comprises the steps of extruding the continuous fibers from a melt

extruder, collecting the continuous fibers on a conveyor running in one direction to form the inelastically stretchable web, orienting the continuous fibers substantially in the one direction and at the same time placing the continuous fibers upon the elastically stretchable web and finally bonding these two webs together intermittently in the one direction to obtain the composite sheet.

The third full paragraph on page 4 continuing to on the top of page 5:

According to another [preferred] embodiment of the [process according to this] invention, the step of orienting said continuous fibers substantially in said one direction including the use of a first conveyor running at a velocity V_1 and a second conveyor provided [at] downstream of the first conveyor and running at a velocity V_2 so that a ratio V_2/V_1 may lie in a range of 1.05 ~ 10.

The first full paragraph on page 5:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of [the] a composite sheet according to one embodiment of the present invention;

The third full paragraph on page 5:

Fig. 3 is a diagram schematically illustrating the process for making [the] a composite sheet according to one embodiment of the present invention.

The fifth full paragraph on page 5 continuing on page 6:

A composite sheet 10 depicted by Fig. 1 in a perspective view comprises an elastically stretchable layer 3 formed by continuous fibers 40 of styrene-based elastomer and an inelastically stretchable layer 2 formed with an inelastically stretchable polypropylene continuous fibers 6 fused with upper surface of the elastically stretchable layer 3 at bonding regions 4A. The

composite sheet 10 has X-direction and Y-direction being orthogonal to the X-direction so that the layer 3 is elastically stretchable at least in Y-direction of the X- and Y-directions. The continuous fibers 6 of the inelastically stretchable layer 2 are oriented so as to extend substantially in Y-direction. In the case wherein the elastically stretchable layer 3 has a substantially same tensile strength in X- and Y-directions, a degree of orientation of the continuous fibers 6 can be expressed by a ratio S_1/S_2 where S_1 represents a tensile strength as measured in Y-direction and S_2 represents a tensile strength as measured in X-direction. For the composite sheet 10 according to this invention, the continuous fibers 6 are preferably oriented with [the] a ratio S_1/S_2 of 3.0 or higher. Except at the bonding regions, the continuous fibers 6 are neither fused nor bonded together but substantially brought into close contact with one another. In other words, the aggregative strength among these fibers 6 are extremely feeble so that the continuous fibers 6 are easily separated from one another as the composite sheet 10 is slightly stretched in Y-direction.

The second full paragraph on page 12:

The composite sheet according to this invention [is characterized in that] comprises a plurality of inelastically stretchable continuous fibers that are evenly stretched as these continuous fibers are stretched in one direction since they are oriented substantially in the one direction. Consequently, a possible unevenness in the fiber diameter after stretched and therefore in touch as well as in appearance can be minimized.